

House Bill 793

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and
2 traffic, so as to change certain provisions relating to definitions relative to identification cards
3 for persons with disabilities; to change certain provisions relating to definitions relative to
4 parking for persons with disabilities; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, is
8 amended by striking paragraph (1) of Code Section 40-5-170, relating to definitions relative
9 to identification cards for persons with disabilities, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:
10 "(1) 'Disability' means any physical, mental, or neurological impairment which severely
11 restricts a person's mobility, manual dexterity, or ability to climb stairs; substantial loss
12 of sight or hearing; loss of one or more limbs or use thereof; ~~or~~ significantly diminished
13 reasoning capacity; or an age of 85 years or more."

14 **SECTION 2.**

15 Said title is further amended by striking paragraph (5) of Code Section 40-6-221, relating to
16 definitions relative to parking for persons with disabilities, and inserting in lieu thereof the
17 following:

18 "(5) 'Person with disabilities' means a person who:

19 (A) Is so ambulatorily disabled that he or she cannot walk 200 feet without stopping
20 to rest;

21 (B) Cannot walk without the use of or assistance from a brace, a cane, a crutch, another
22 person, a prosthetic device, a wheelchair, or other assistive device;

23 (C) Is restricted by lung disease to such an extent that his or her forced respiratory
24 volume for one second, when measured by spirometry, is less than one liter, or when

- 1 at rest, his or her arterial oxygen tension is less than 60 millimeters of mercury on room
2 air;
- 3 (D) Uses portable oxygen;
- 4 (E) Has a cardiac condition to the extent that his or her functional limitations are
5 classified in severity as Class III or Class IV according to standards set by the American
6 Heart Association; ~~or~~
- 7 (F) Is severely limited in his or her ability to walk due to an arthritic, neurological, or
8 orthopedic condition or complications due to pregnancy; or
- 9 (G) Is 85 years of age or older."

10 **SECTION 3.**

11 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.